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REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents:

The above-identified patent application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/181,582, filed October 28, 1998, which claims the priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/063,721, filed October 29, 1997, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/076,842 filed March 4, 1998, to which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

The Cross-Reference to Related Application paragraph has been amended to include the parent application information. No new matter has been added.

With regard to the claims, originally filed claims 1-62 of parent application 09/181,582, filed October 28, 1998, are currently pending.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the state of the art at the time of filing of the priority application as disclosed in the specification and recited in claims 1-62, the present application complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 622-4900.

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